

A revision of the national air tour safety standards is unnecessary. Regardless of data collected during the 1990's, the past year (2003) saw several major accidents with considerable loss of life by highly regulated Part 135 Tour Operators. It would appear that the answer to safety does not lie in increased federal regulation. Many small Part 91 operators provide tour flights all over the country with exemplary safety records. Aviation is already extremely regulated. My concern is that various government agencies, in a misdirected effort to increase safety, will stifle the growth of aviation businesses in America. General aviation contributes greatly to our economy. A Federal Aviation Administration that encouraged modernization of our aircraft and facilitated our aviation business at all levels would go a long way towards making our country stronger.